



A CONTROL STATE SYSTEM REGULATING ALCOHOL RESPONSIBLY

THE WASHINGTON STATE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD is a three member Board appointed for six year terms by the Governor. The Board's primary responsibility is to oversee the sale and distribution of alcohol beverages. This is accomplished through licensing, enforcement, education, and controlled distribution and merchandising systems. The Board's 2001-2003 biennium budget is **\$140,314,226** with 1,265 employees.

PRODUCT AND RETAIL SERVICES DIVISION

The Product and Retail Services Division is responsible for the procurement of more than 1,000 products available to liquor stores within the state. This division also manages a distribution center for these products and runs a statewide liquor sales network composed of store personnel who manage and operate 157 state stores. Washington also has 157 contract liquor stores which are independently owned and whose owners contract with the Board for the sale of liquor. The Division employs 836 employees, 75% of the agency's total workforce.

ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION DIVISION

Alcohol beverage control laws are enforced by 85 Liquor Enforcement Agents. These Agents are responsible for:

- ♦ Preventing liquor and tobacco law violations;
- ♦ Inspecting over 12,000 licensed premises throughout the state;
- ♦ Investigating complaints;
- ♦ Ensuring compliance with statutes and regulations;
- ♦ Conducting free classes on the laws regarding liquor and tobacco, with a focus on checking identification, and recognizing and dealing with intoxicated persons;
- ♦ Deterring the sale of untaxed cigarettes and enforcing tobacco tax regulations.

The Enforcement and Education Division also includes the agency's Alcohol Awareness Program and the Reducing Underage Drinking (RUAD) program whose primary goals are:

- ♦ Developing and coordinating educational materials to reduce underage drinking.
- ♦ Fostering responsible behavior in adults who choose to drink, reducing over-consumption of alcohol.

LICENSING AND REGULATION DIVISION

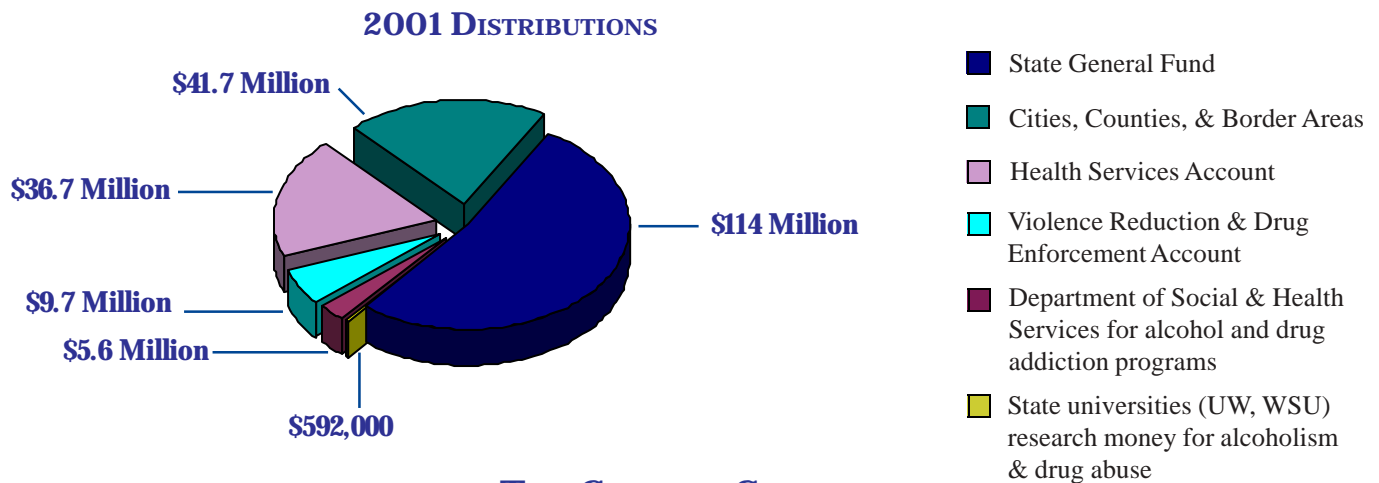
The Licensing and Regulation Division issues the various licenses granted by the Board. In 2001, the Division issued 3,320 liquor licenses. The Division also monitors activities of manufacturers, importers, and wholesalers in the state. The Division has an in-house licensing program, which processes all liquor license applications. The Licensing program, in addition to investigating applicant background histories, contains a customer service unit which guides applicants through the application process and provides general information to customers. Licensing also manages a Mandatory Alcohol Server Training (MAST) program which offers certification to over 170,000 bartenders, managers, and wait staff.

AGENCY BUDGET PROFILE-2001

Since 1934, the Washington State liquor control system has provided more than **\$4 billion** dollars to state and local budgets through the sale and distribution of alcohol beverages. In 2001, the Board distributed over **\$209 million** collected from various taxes and license fees imposed on the sale of spirits, wine, and beer.

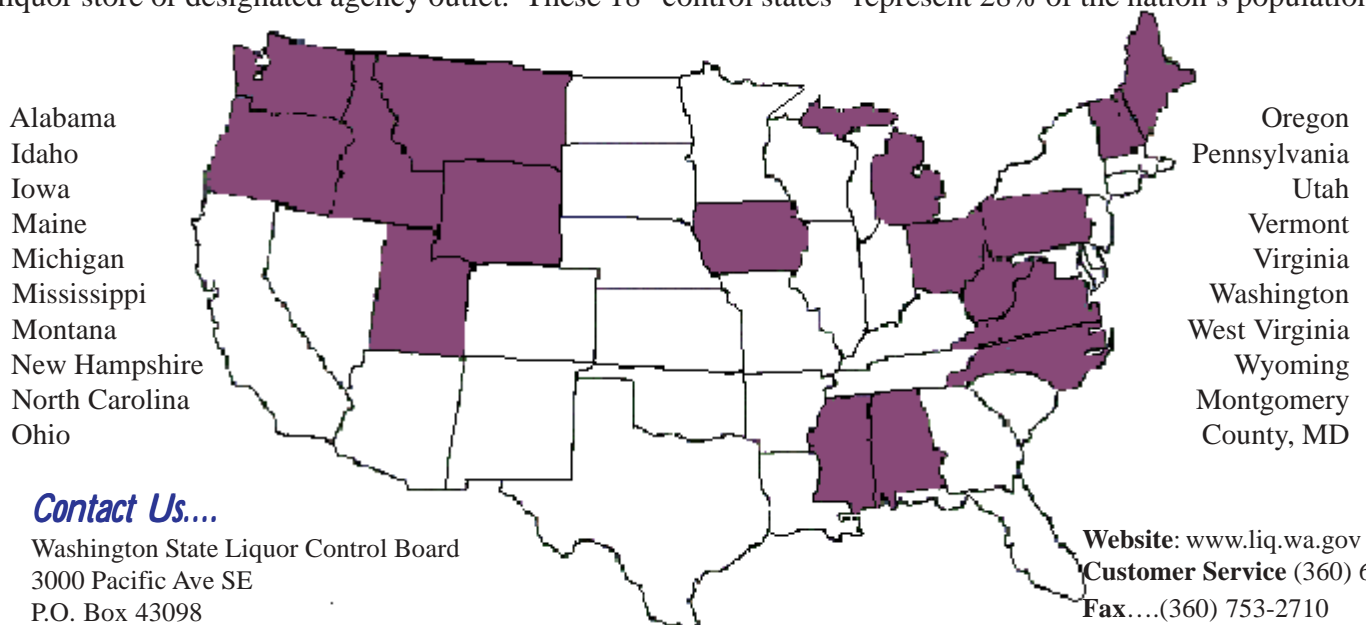
These collections are distributed among thirteen various funds and accounts throughout the state. Following are a few of the organizations that receive money from the Liquor Control Board and the amounts distributed for 2001:

- \$114 million to the state's General Fund.
- \$41.7 million to cities, counties, and border areas. Funds are distributed to cities and counties based on population; and to border areas based on traffic totals, crime statistics, and per capita law enforcement spending.
- \$36.7 million to the Health Services Account used for regulating, planning, and administering of the State's public health care system.
- \$9.7 million to Violence Reduction and Drug Enforcement Account.
- \$5.6 million to the Department of Social and Health Services for alcohol and drug addiction programs.
- \$592,000 to University of Washington and Washington State University for alcoholism & drug abuse research.



THE CONTROL STATES

Eighteen states (and Montgomery County in Maryland) directly control the sale of liquor at the wholesale level. Fourteen of these states also control retail sales, which means their citizens purchase liquor at a state liquor store or designated agency outlet. These 18 "control states" represent 28% of the nation's population.



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